

# Town of Summerton

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## Minutes of Council Meeting May 11, 2021 at 6:00PM

Present: Mayor Mac Bagnal, Council Members: Mr. Bryan Rembert, Mr. Terrance Tindal, Mr. Walker Wells, Mrs. Regina Brown, and Mr. Ritchie Way. Town Administrator Beth Phillips, Finance Director Amanda Salka, Chief Ray Perdue, Clerk Frances Feagin.

**Absent:** Council Member Chalmers Stukes

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Bagnal

**INVOCATION** – Mr. Wells

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All

<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> – Mr. Rembert made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Seconded by Mr. Brown, all agreed.

### **UPDATES FROM STAFF** –

- a. Chief Perdue had a short update. Computers are in the cars and they are up and running. It is saving time on the road for reporting and issuing tickets. Woodman of the World presented the Police Department with a \$500 check for the purchase of safety equipment for crime scenes.
- b. Beth Phillips said that there will be some changes going on of how the Town operates financially. As of July 1<sup>st</sup> we will have everything in place and separated to become more transparent.

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. Approval of the Financial Report Amanda presented council with a Financial Report. She pointed out a few areas that have some questions. She let council know that she is finding some of the coding is different from what the previous bookkeeper was using and is getting that situated with Meredith's help. She reiterated that as of July 1<sup>st</sup> everything will be straightened out.
- b. Discussion and Approval for Water/Sewer to borrow funds from the General Fund Amanda informed Council that there was outstanding bills to be paid out of the Water Account totaling the amount of \$116,362.31. She also informed Council that Water/Sewer Account owes the General Funds Account the amount of \$93,003.54. Mr. Rembert asked if it would be coming out



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f the account ending with #7918. Amanda answered yes. She said that the Town would need about \$210,000.00 to cover the bills and if it would let the Water/Sewer pay the \$93,000 back to the General Fund at a later date. Mr. Rembert made a motion that we loan \$117,000 from the General Fund account ending with #0337 over to the Water/Sewer account ending with #9658 and additionally would like to make a motion that in the future to pay back the \$93,003.54 to the General Fund. Seconded by Mr. Wells, all agreed.

- c. Goat Island Home Owners Association discussing concerns with Goat Island Water System Mrs. Beth said that there were concerned citizens from the Goat Island area that wanted to express their concerns. Several citizens spoke about the condition of the water and about illnesses that were brought about because of the water. They also asked for an update of when the tank would be replaced and when the Boil Water Notice would be lifted.
- d. Sigfield Representatives discussing concerns with Sigfield Water System Several concerned citizens expressed their concerns of the conditions of their water and wanted an update on the Boil Water Notice and tank replacement.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A few citizens asked questions concerning the Boil Water Notice in Goat Island area and of the purchase of said system. They asked if there was a way of setting up better communication on getting the notices out in a more timely fashion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Rembert made a motion to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Wells, all agreed.

Mr. Rembert made a motion to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Mrs. Brown, all agreed.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> –Mr. Rembert made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Brown, all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Feagin Clerk